Death came close to the bed-Blient, commanding, grim. The poet turned in his pain, And smiled at him,

"You drank life deep," said Death,
"And now will you taste of me?
For I hold the deeper cup
Of eternity.

"Revel, and love, and pain,
You have suffered and sung them all:
Your fame is where millions pass,
Where shy birds call.

"Strong men laugh with your mirth, And women weep, at your whim; But I-and the mirthless one, Bent over him.

"But 14 'twixt breath and breath, Can rob you of all," he said; And he laid his heavy hand On the quiet bed.

The lights were shaded and low. A strange mist swam in the room, And the man could see Death's eyes Haunting the gloom.

He said, "I know you, my friend—God's henchman, and nothing more!
If He has sent you, why, then,
Open the door!"
THEODORE ROBERTS.

Brilliant German at the Alum.

The week closed brilliantly on Satur day evening last at the Rockbridge Alum Springs with a german, in which Miss Mary Waddill and Miss Bessie Hunter. day evening last at the Rockbridge Alum Springs with a german, in which Miss Mary Waddill and Miss Bessle Hunter, of this city, were the hostesses. About thirty couples took part in the coillion, and the opening figure, by way of compigment to the management, formed the letters R. A. S.

Assisting Miss Waddill and Miss Hunter as active factors in the enjoyment of all present were Mrs. Benjamin Nash, Mrs. Edmund Waddill, Mrs. Pope, Mrs. Arthur Cannon, Mrs. Watkins, Miss Clark and Miss Hatcher.

Miss Waddill wore a lovely white slik vembroidered net over white taffeta, with coral ornaments.

Miss Hunter was gowned in white lierre lace over accordion-plaited chiffon, upon a foundation of pale green taffeta.

The music was most inspiriting. During the evening and at the close of the cotilion light refreshments were served. The ball room was handsomely decorated in oak leaves, wild flowers and ferns.

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A mid-month nuptial event will be telebrated this evening in the marriage of Miss Charlotte Evelyn Kendall, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kendall, of West Cary Street, to Mr. Edwin C. Schroeder, of Alken, S. C.

At a reception given the bridal pair last evening guests were: Missea Mnudé Wallace White, Virginia Kendall, Lettiu G., Carter, Katherine Cobean, Soilhie Hopper, Lillian Kendall, Mary Wood, Louise Gibson and Elsle Miller; Messra, Charles Vall, J. W. Kendall, Jr., of Washington, D. C.; Professor Herbert L. Rees, Messrs, Eugene Blandon, Sidney Lookett, Edward Purvis, Arthur Kendail and Abbey Pillow.

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Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Cutchins are visiting Mr. Cutchins's parents, at Whitaker's, N. C. Before their return they will go to Asheville, N. C. to visit firs. Cutchins's sister, Miss Hannah M. Bauer, who is at Asheville for her health.

Dr. Truman A. Parker and Mrs. Parker are in Bath county for a few weeks' stay.

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Mr. Lesile Byron Wiggs, who is a student at the Medical College of Virginia, and who has been spending the summer here, will leave the city shortly for Wrigthswile Beach, N. C., and Charleston, S. G. Later he will visit the exposition at St. Low's, Mr. Wiggs will return in time to matriculate for the lectures, at the college, which opens October 1st.

Dr. I. K. Briggs of the staff of the

Dr. I. K. Briggs, of the staff of the Virginia Hospital, is spending his vaca-cion in Clarke county.

Mr. Robert Westbrook, of Newport News, Va., after spending a few days here, left for the St. Louis Exposition last night.

Colonel Roller, Mayor of Harrisonburg, Va., passed through the city to-day on his way to the exposition at St. Louis.

in the North.

Mr. J. G. Hankins, is attending the Lovelace family reunion, in Halifax county.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mundy and rehild, of Arkansas, are visiting Mr. Mundy sister, Mrs. H. W. Stamper, of Richmond. Mr. and Mrs. Mundy will visit the St. Louis Exposition on their way home.

Mrs, George W. Mayo has returned from a visit to her elster, Mrs. Howard, of Fredericksburg, Va.

Miss Nannie L. Stamper and her aunt.
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Miss Mundy.of Arkansis, will leave soon
to visit Washington, D. C.

Miss Mary Verser Graveley, of Danville, has been appointed maid of honor
to Miss Virginia Alice Hale, of Franklin
county, sponsor at the Lynchburg Confederate reunion.

Miss Annie Richardson has returned
from a delightful house-party, given by
Mrs. W. H. Williams, of 'Kentuck,' at
wisch Miss Hattye Gunn and Margaret
Ruchardson were also present. Other
guests included Mrs. J. Lindsay Ferguson, of North Carolina, and Miss J. W.
Itelynoids, of Witt.

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The Newport News Daily Press of yesterday says:
Mr. David F. O'Neil, formerly of Newport News but now chief clerk at the
Richtond offices of the Pullman Car
Company, is in the city, accompanied by
his wife. They are the guesis of Mrs.
O'Neil's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. O'Donneil, of Madison Avenue, Mr. O'Neil has
just returned from a trip to the St. Louis
fair.

Dr. Fleiding H. Ashton, physician in charge of the Sheltering Arms Hospital, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Ninde, at Colo-nial Beach, Westmoreland county.

Dr. Fielding H. Ashton, physician, in charge of the Shelfering Arms Hospital, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Ninde, at Colorials Beach, Westmoreiand county.

Miss Alice N. Wise, of Leesburg, has been designated sponsor, and Miss Nelle McIntosh, of Leesburg, maid of honor, at the meeting of the Grand Camp, diversity of Confederate Veterans of Virghia by the commander of the Grand Camp, Judge George L. Christian. They will represent the Eighth Congressional District.

Miss Mai Tabb and Miss Emily Turn
Order a Free Bottle

Of Drake's Palmetto Wine. It gives vigor and energy to the whole body, soothes, heals and forigorate a segment when the mucous lining of the order of the mount of the m

## POEMS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW

Whatever your occupation may be, and however crowded your hours with affairs, do not fail to secure at least a few minutes every day for refreshment of your inner life with a bit of poetry.—Professor Charles Ellot Norton,

# A PARABLE.

By JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL

S AID Christ our Lord, "I will go and see How the men, my brethren, believe in me." He passed not again through the gate of birth, But made himself known to the children of earth.

Then said the chief priests, and rulers and kings, "Behold, now, the Giver of all good things; Go to, let us welcome with pomp and state Him who alone is mighty and great."

With carpets of gold the ground they spread Wherever the Son of Man should tread, ... And in palace-chambers lofty and rare They lodged him, and served him with kingly fare,

Great organs surged through arches dim Their jubilant floods in praise of him; And in church, and palace, and judgment-hall, He saw his image high over all.

But still, wherever his steps they led, The Lord in sorrow bent down his head, And from under the heavy foundation-stones, The Son of Mary heard bitter groans.

And in church, and palace, and judgment-hall, He marked great fissures that rent the wall, And opened wider and yet more wide As the living foundation heaved and sighed.

"With gates of silver and bars of gold Ye have fenced my sheep from their Father's fold; I have heard the dropping of their tears In heaven these eighteen hundred years."

"O Lord and Master, not ours the guilt, We build but as our fathers built; Behold thine images, how they stand, Sovereign and sole, through all our land.

"Our task is hard,—with sword and flame To hold thine earth forever the same. And with sharp crooks of steel to keep Still, as thou leftest them, thy sheep.",

Then Christ sought out an artisan, A low-browed, slunted, haggard man, And a motherless girl, whose fingers thin Pushed from her faintly want and sin.

These set he in the midst of them. And as they drew back their garment-hem. For fear of defilement, "Lo, here," said he, "The images ye have made of me!"



Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Watkins are back in the city from a delightful visit to friends at Ronceverte. W. Va. They will leave in a few days for another trip and will probably go to Maryland.

Friends in Richmond regret sincerely to hear of the continued illness of Aliss Evelyn Gray Bell, at her father's home, near Palmyra, Va. Mrs. Clifton Miller, her sister, has been with her since last week.

Mr. Lyon Tyler. president of William

Mr. Lyon Tyler, president of William and Mary College, at Williamsburg, Va., who has been visiting Mr. E. L. Hunter

at King George Courthouse, has now joined his family, who are spending the summer in the Catskill Mountains.

Dr. and Mrs. M. W. Peyser are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Peyser, in Hampton, Va.

Mrs. W. T. Robins left Monday for West Point Military Academy on the Hud-son, where she will visit her son, Cadet Warner Robins. From West Point Mrs. Robins will go to Massanetta Springs for Soutamber.

Miss Lillian Haynes, who has been with her mother, Mrs. Andrew Haynes, at Mt. Elliott Springs, is now spending some

lme at the Rockbridge Alum Springs.

Mrs. John Gordon Farland will spend September at Massanetta, where the season has been unusually fine.

Mus. Aline Jennings spent Sunday at West Point, Va., with her aunt, Mrs. B.

Mr. Jennes A. Moscoure is back from a

Mr. James A. Moncure is back from a visit of Several weeks to the Cold Sulphur. Springs, near Gesten, Ve. Mrs. Moncure and her children will remain at the Cold Sulphur for some time longer.

Mr. and Mrs. James Alston Cabell and children have laft for a visit to the Greenbrier White Sulphur Springs.

The many friends of Miss Bessle Smith the daughter of Mrs. Austin A. Smith, will be concerned to hear of her illness at the Unitermont Hotel, Covington, Va. where she and her mother are spending the summer, Mr. Austin Smith has been called to his sister's bedside from New York.

Miss Bell Perkins, who has been at the University of Virginia and the Jefferson Park Hotel since early summer, will join her mother, Mrs. W. H. Perkins, at the Greenbrier White Sulphur Springs this week. Miss Perkins expects to return to the Jefferson Park later in the season.

Dr. Thomas Dudley Merrick is spending August in Maryland, New York city, Canada and at St. Louis.

A Richmond lady, a guest at the White

Miss Leah Sternheimer, of No. 106 West Marshall Street, has returned home after a visit to Baltimore, Philadelphia and Atlantic City.

Mr. Robert Munday and Mrs. Munday, of Arkansas, are visiting the former's sis-ter, Mrs. H. W. Stamper, of this city. On their return they will stop over in St. Louis. Ouls.
Miss Mamie L. Stamper and her aunt,
frs. Munday, of Arkaneas, will leave in
few days for Washington.

### HIGHLAND PARK

Ments of Highsen, and Mrs. Christian Schnedler, who have Batavia, N. Y., for the past month, urned to their home. S Comstance and Alice Heath Enslow, at Virginia, are visiting their aunt, you B. Enslow, of Highland Park.

### HIGHLAND SPRINGS.

Attend Mutes' Congress

Mr. Joseph Heeke, of this city, will attend the Mutes' Congress at St. Louis. He will make an effort to have Sewell's Point named as the place of meeting in 1997 during the Jamestown Exposition.

## FARM, ORCHARD AND GARDEN DEPARTMENT

Under this department is is proposed to publish with such frequency as these interests seem to demand, current notes on Agriculture in its widest sense. The nome and the gesthetic questions touching farm life will be dealt with as well as the purely practical. All interested persons are requested to contribute notes and suggestions of ask questions. Address communications to "The Agricultural Editor," Times Dispatch, Richmond, Va.

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ing in King and Queen, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kidwell left Tuenday for Washington to attend the funeral of Mr. J. D. Scotield.

Miss Lucile Spratley, who has been visiting at Mount Elliott Springs, is now visiting Mrs. R. B. Ingham.

Miss Bessie Clarke, of Shirley, who has been visiting Miss Mattle Rose, has returned.

Miss Dora Jackson, who has been visiting Mrs. P. F. Duggan, has left for Trevillian.

Miss Jannie Moore, of Italegh, is the guest of Miss Mary Johnson.

Mr. Leo P. Duggan has left for Lowell, W. Va. and Philadelphia.

Mrs. R. E. Chamberiato, of Louisville, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Bache.

Thomas Armstrong Mr. as selft for Garnier, to visit Mr. and Mrs. W. Klache.

Mrs. J. Deliz and friend, of Baltimore, Md., are the guests of ber daughter, Mrs. L. J. Crovo.

Mr. George Hawks Is, visiting in Acca.

Mr. and Mrs. William Cox are the guests.

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Mr. and Mrs. William Cox are the greets
of Mrs. Charles Morton, of Meadow Bridge

road.

Mr. John Smith, of Petersburg, is visiting Mr. J.-M. Johnson, of Brook road.

Mr. Philip Croxton has left for New York on business.

Mr. Lear, of New York, who has been visiting at the home of Mrs. L. J. Baughan, has returned.

### FAIRMOUNT NEWS.

Tiffiny. They will also visit relatives in Louisa country. They will also visit relatives in Louisa country. Mrs. Manly and Mrs. W. A. Rhodes are visiting Tribins at Newport exa.

Louise Tribins & Coon and children have returned from a delightful visit to relatives in Albemarie country.

Mrs. W. E. Talley, Mrs. E. S. Talley and Mrs. W. D. Mills and their children are spending this month at Holly Gross, Va.

Miss Christian Dowdy left a few days ago for Matloax, Va. spending this month at Helly Cross.

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Misses Rose Reck and Rosa Gerecke are visiting relatives in Petersburg.

Miss Virgie Carroll, who has been the guest of her coustn. Miss Madeline Puize, on Twentieth Street, has returned to her home

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One of Sherlock Holmes' Adventures.

By A. CONAN DOYLE.

"A study in Scarlet," is one of the most thrilling of A. Conan Doyle's bright and fascinating stories. The two opening instalments have been found full of interst and those to follow beginning with the of the day will low, beginning with that of to-day, will be found even more so. Those who en-joy a good story are urged to begin this one now, so as not to miss its ex-

CHAPTER II-Continued.

"Well, I have a trade of my own. 1

lot of special knowledge which I apply to the problem, and which facilitates matters wonderfully. Those rules of deduction laid down in that article which aroused your scorn are invaluable to me in practical work. Observation with me is second nature. You appeared to be surprised when I fold you, on our first meeting, that you had come from Afghan-

meeting, that you had come from Afghan-lajan."
"You were told, no doubt."
s "Nothing of the sort. I knew you came from Afghanistan. From long haoli the train of thought ran so swiftly through my mind that I arrived at the the train of thought ran so swiftly through my mind that I arrived at the conclusion without being conscious of intermediate steps. There were such steps, however. The train of reasoning ran: 'Here is a gentleman of a medical type, but with the air of a military man Clearly an army doctor, then. He has just come from the tropics, for his face is, dark, and that is not the natural tint of his skin, for his wrists are fair. He has undergone hardship and sickness, as his haggard face says clearly. His left arm has been injured. He holds it in a still and unnatural manner. Where in the tropics could an English army doctor have seen much hardship and got his arm wounded? Clearly in Afghanistan. The whole train of thought did not occupy a second. I then remarked that you came from Afghanistan, and you were astonished."

"It is simple enough as you explain it."
I said, smiling. "You remind me of Edgar Allan Pec's Düpin." I had no idea that such individuals did exist outside of stories."

"Have you read Gaboriau's works?" I asked. "Does Lecoq come up to your

idea of a detective?" Sherlock Holmes snifted sardonically "Lecoq was a miserable bungler," he said, in an angry voice; "he had only one thing to recommend him, and that was his energy. That book made me positively ill. The question was how to identify an unknown prisoner. I could have done it in twenty-four hours. Lecoq took six months or so. It might be made a textbook for detectives to teach them what

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I fell rather indignant at having two characters whom I had admired treated in this cavaller style. I walked over to the window, and stood looking out into the busy street. "This fellow may be very clever," I said to myself, "but he is certainly very conceited."

"There are no crimes and no criminals in these days," he said querulously, "What is the use of having brains in our profession? I know well that I have it in me to, make my name famous, No man lives or has ever lived who has brought the same amount of study and of natural talent to the detection of crime which I have done. And what is the result? There is no crime to detect, or, at most, some bungling villalny with a motive so transparent that even a Ecotland Yard official can see through it."

I was still annoyed at his bumptious style of conversation. I thought it best to change the topte.

"I wonder what that fellow is look."

I was still annoyed at his compitous style of conversation. I thought it best to change the topic.
"I wonder what that fellow is looking for?" I asked, pointing to a stalwart, plainly dressed individual who was walking slowly down the other side of the street, looking anxiously at the numbers; He had a large blue envelope in his hand, and was evidently the bearer of a message.
"You mean the retired sergeant of marrines," said Sherlock Holmes,
"Brag and bounce!" thought I to myself. "He knows that I cannot verify his guess."

The thought had hardly passed through my mind when the man whom we were watching caught sight of the number on our door, and ran rapidly across the readway. We heard a loud knock, a deep voice below, and heavy steps ascending the stair.

"For Mr. Sherlock Holmes," he said.

So you actually were not able to see that that man was a sergeant of marines?"

"No, indeed."

"It was easier to know it than to explain why I know it. If you were asked to prove that two and two made four, you might find some difficulty, and yet you are quite sure of the fact. Ever across the street I could see a great blue anchor tattoed on the back of the fellow's hand. That smacked of the sea. He had a military carriage, however, and regulation side-whiskers. There we have the marine. He was a man with some amount of self-importance and a certain air of command. You must have observed the way in which he held his head and swung his cane. A steady, respectable, middle-aged, man, too, on the face of him—all facts which led me to believe that he had been a sergeant.

"Wonderfull" I ejaculated.

"Commonplace." said Holmes, though I thought from his expression that he was pleased at my evident surprise and admiration. "I said just now that there were no criminals. It appears that I am wrong—look at this!" He three me over the note which the commissionaira had brought.

"Why," I cried, as I cast my eye over it, "this is terribie!"

"It does seem to be a little out of the common," he remarked calmly. "Would you mind reading it to me aloud?"

This is the lotter which I read to him; but had business furing the night

"" I monitable and was gone.

CHAPTER III.

The Lauriston Gardens Mystery.

I concers that I was considerably attained by the fresh proof of the practical inture of my companion's theories. My respect forwards, There are the design of the practical intures of my companion's theories. My respect forwards, There are the world with the same at the whole thing was a pregranade episiods. Intended to deale my the fresh proof of the practical natures of my companion's theories. My respect forwards, There are the dealers as to how he came into the world with its aum in the same of the could have the world with the same in the same of the could have though what earthly object be could have though what earthly object the could have though what earthly object he could have though what earthly object he could have though what earthly object he could have though the note, and his eyes had seamed the vacant, lack-basive expression which showed mental abstraction.

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"And these other people?"
They are mostly sent out by private inquiry agencies. They are all people who are in trouble about something, and want a little enlightening. I listen to their storx, they listen to my comments, and then I pocket my fee."
But do you mean to say," I said, "that such individuals did exist outside of without leaving your room you can unravel some knot which other men can every detail for themselves?"
"Oute so. I have a kind of intuition that way. Now and again a case turns in which is allitie more complex. Then I have to bustle about and see things with my sown eyes. You see, I have a

this case if they are both put upon the scent."

I was amazed at the calm way in which he rippied on, "Surely there is not a moment to be lost." I cried: shall I go and order you a cab?"

"I am not sure about whether I shall go. I am the most incurably lazy devil that ever stood in shoe-leather—that is, when the fit is on me, for I can be spry enough at times."

"Why, it is just such a chance as you have been longing for."

"My dear fellow, what does it matter to me? Supposing I unravel the whole matter, you may be sure that Gregson, Lestrade & Co, will pocket all the credit. That comes of being an unofficial personage."

That comes of being an unofficial personage.

"But he begs you to help him."

"Yes. He knows that I am his superior, and acknowledges it to me; but he would out his tongue out before he would own it to any third person. However, we may as well go and have a look. I shall work it out on my own hook. I may have a lough at them, if I have nothing else. Come on!"

He hustled on his overcoat, and bustled about in a way that showed that energetic fit had superseded the apathetic one.

one.

"Got your hat," he said.
"You wish me to come?"
"Yes, if you have nothing better to
do." A minute later we were both
in a hansom, driving furiously for the
Brixton Road.
It was a forcy, cloudy morning, and a

Brixton Road.

It was a foggy, cloudy morning, and a dun-colored veil hung over the house tops, looking like the reflection of the mud-colored streets beneath. My companion was in the best of spirits, and prattied away about Cremon fiddles, and the difference between a Stradivarius and an Amati. As for myself, I was silent, for the dull weather and the melancholy business upon which we were engaged depressed my spirits.

(To be Continued To-morrow.)

may be piped with white or contrasting color, or, if one desires, they may be omitted and the front and neck edges be trimmed with bands of same or white material. The model is one that may also be worn by a little girl. In fact most of the Russian models in boy's dress are copied for small girls. The pattern also includes bloomers of regulation style, Sizes—2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 years.

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Misses Patty and Elinore Terry are at Eagle Rock, Va., the quests of Miss Heles Carter, Mrs. W. C. Thomas, Mester John Thomas and Miss Louise Thomas have left for Washington, D. C., to visit Mrs. John Tinny, They will also visit relatives in

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